## Two Bays, One World

## A Student Project in Cross-Cultural Understanding

"It is our duty as stewards of this precious blue orb entrusted to our care to give young people — the Earth's future caretakers — the tools necessary to ensure its conservation for generations to come."

—John Turner, Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs

Maryland and Washington, DC public school students will compare and contrast the Chesapeake Bay and the Bay of Bengal from environmental, social and economic perspectives in a pilot international educational program initiated by the U.S. Department of State. They

also will interact electronically with students in Bangladesh.



**Chesapeake Bay** 

Scheduled for the fall of 2004, "Two Bays, One World" will offer middle school students in participating schools a special two-month curriculum focused on these two important bodies of water, their watersheds and the communities that rely on them. American stu-

dents will benefit from expert lectures and field trips. Their counterparts in Chittagong, Bangladesh will be visited by two State Department experts through the program.

"Two Bays, One World" is sponsored by the State Department's Bureau of Oceans and International



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## TWO BAYS PARTNERS

The following entities and institutions have joined the State Department in supporting the "Two Bays, One World" project:

- Maryland and District of Columbia Public Schools
- William Carey Academy in Chittagong, Bangladesh
- The Government of Bangladesh
- Chesapeake Bay Foundation
- The Smithsonian Institution
- The Conservation Fund

Environmental and Scientific Affairs to support area educational programs and increase understanding between the youth of the United States and the youth of Bangladesh. It is designed in partnership with educators, the Embassy of Bangladesh, and non-governmental organizations.



**Bay of Bengal** 

"Two Bays, One World" will be featured on the Department's Student Web site <a href="http://future.state.gov/">http://future.state.gov/</a>.

For more information about this program, call the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, (202) 647-3486.